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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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30/03/2012: The CW5GI IOTA DXpedition will take place between 30 March and 1 April, 2012. This is a joint operation by members of the Radio Club Uruguayo and the Uruguay DX Group. This will only be the 2nd operation from Isla Gorriti (SA-039, WLOTA 2172, WW Loc. GF25ma). The operators will be: Geo CX1SI, Gus CX2AM, Wilson CX2RU, Bert CX3AN, Paco CX3BV, Gus CX3CE, Luis CX4AAJ, Mario CX4CR, Ghis CX5DNT (ON5NT), Jorge CX6VM, Carlos CX7CO and Rainer CX8FB. QSL via ON5NT, direct preferred and Bureau ok. [dx-world.net]

30/03/2012: Tony, F8ATS, will sign F8ATS/6W from Le-Calao, la Somone, Senegal, between 30 March and 7 April, 2012. Holiday style operation. QSL via Bureau preferred. [F5NQL]

31/03/2012: As part of the FMRE, A.C. 80th anniversary celebrations, a team of operators from the Federation Radioexperimentadores Mexicana plan to be active for 24 hours from the vicinity of the Iztaccihuatl volcano (4000m or 13,000ft a.s.l) starting March 31, 2012. Operating as 6D0LM they will have four stations active simultaneously in SSB, CW and RTTY. QSL via QRZ.com. [dx-world.net]

31/03/2012: Bruno, F4FIU/p plans to activate the Citadelle Vauban (DFCF 59-122), located in the commune of Lille (CP 59000), Department Nord/59 and Province Nord-Pas-de-Calais (DPF 16) on 31 March, 2012. QRV mainly on the low bands. QSL via his home call, direct or Bureau. [radioamateur.org]

31/03/2012: On 31 March 2012 Francois, F5JNE and Claude, F5MCC will be active as F5JNE/p from the Castle of Remillys (DFCF 45-073), located in the commune of Choux (CP 45290, WW Loc. JN17HT), canton of Gien (DDCF 45-14), Department Loiret/45 and Province Centre (DPF 07). Plans are to start about 0600 UTC on 80 and 40 metre SSB and CW. QSL via F5JNE, Bureau or direct. [radioamateur.org]

31/03/2012: Look for Alain, F6CUG, to be active on 31 March 2012 as F6CUG/p from the Castle of Montmuzard (DFCF 21-123), commune of Dijon (CP 21900), Department Cote d'Or/21 and Province Burgundy (DPF 05). QRV mainly 80, 40 and perhaps 20 metres. QSL via home call, Bureau or direct. [radioamateur.org]

31/03/2012: The Radio Club de la Porte des Alpes, F6KEX, will activate the Castle of Verel (DFCF 38-027) on 31 March, 2012. QRV on 40 metres. The Castle is located in the commune of St. Andre le Gaz (CP 38490, WW Loc. JN25SN), canton [county] of Le-Pont-de-Beauvoisin (DDCF 38-21), Department Isere/38 and Province Rhone Alpes (DPF 22). QSL via F6KEX, REF Bureau or direct. [radioamateur.org]

31/03/2012: Ray M1REK, Mark M0UTD and Tom M0DCG will be operating as GM6TW/p from the Isle of Jura (EU-008, IOSA NH21, SCOTIA CS28, WLOTA 3078, WW Loc. IO75AU, WAB NR56) between 31 March and 11 April, 2012. They will also be active on 9th April from Islay (IOSA NH22, SCOTIA CS25, WLOTA 1826, WW Loc. IO65TS) and on the 11th of April from Colonsay (IOSA NH19, SCOTIA DI05, WLOTA 1574, WW Loc. IO65WU), Inner Hebrides (EU-008). If possible they will also try and go to Goat Island [aka Jura Small] (IOSA NH43, SCOTIA CS29, WW Loc. IO75BT). QSL via M0UTD, direct or Bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW and eQSL. Website: www.m1rek.co.uk/jura-2012/ [dx-world.net]

31/03/2012: Members of Silesia Radioamateur Group (SP9YFF) Team and guests operator's will be active on the 31st of March 2012 as SP9YFF/P from the Castle Naklo Slaskie (WCA SP-00509, ZWP GTG-01). Plans are to be QRV on 80-10 metre SSB, CW and the Digital modes, with 100 watts and GP/Wire antenna. Possible to run several transmitters. QSL information on QRZ.com under SP9YFF. For detailed information please visit: www.sp9yff.pl. [RN1CW]

01/04/2012: Look for Fabio, IZ0QPO, to be active as IZ0QPO/p on the 1st of April 2012 from the Torre [Tower] Flavia (WCA I-08603, DCI RM-291), located in the town of Ladispoli-Roma. QRV on 40 and 20 metres. QSL via home call, Bureau or direct. [RN1CW]

01/04/2012: Jerry, N1QLL/p, plans to operate from Great Wass Island (NA-055, USi ME004S, WW Loc. FN64EL, Washington County), State of Maine, on 1 April, 2012. QRV starting 1700 UTC on 40 and 20 metre SSB only, unless the phone bands are hopelessly crowded in which case CW. SSB will be 7.270 or 14.270 MHz or higher, CW would be 7.050 or 14.050 MHz. Jerry also plans to activate the Moose Peak lighthouse (ARLHS USA-513, Admiralty J0028), located on Mistake Island (Not IOTA, USi ME097, WW Loc. FN64FL), following the line-of-sight rules. QSL via home call. [USi]

01/04/2012: Yukon John, KL7JR and Claire, WL7MY will be QRV as NH7DX from the island of Hawaii (OC-019, USi HI025S, WLOTA 0065, Hawaii County) from 1-15 April, 2012. QRV on 80-10 metres in celebration of the 18th anniversary of the US Islands awards program. QSL via KL7JR, direct only. [USi]

01/04/2012: Luk ON4BB, Willy ON5JE, Janny ON5PO, Paul ON6DP, Fred ON6QR, Didier ON6YH, Pierre ON7PC and Jean ON7ZM will be active as ON4BB/p on the 1st of April 2012 from the Castle of Skeuvre (WCA ON-00492, BCA NM-060). Plans are to be QRV from 0600 till 1000 UTC on all HF bands. QSL via ON4BB, Bureau or direct. [RN1CW]

01/04/2012: A group of Russian amateurs from Club station Yang-Inform Ltd plan to be active as RT9K/p from Zhuravlinyy Island [island of Crane] (AS-109), Yamalsky Area (RDA YN-14, Oblast #163, JN for "Rossija" award) between 1-5 April, 2012. Operators include Igor UA9KDF (team leader), Valery RG8K, Artyom UA9KAM, Daniil and Andrey (no calls). To reach the island, the team will require the use of three snowmobiles. They will use a Kenwood TS-590 & Yaesu FT-857 along with a BiggIR 80-10m and Robinson RR-33 + ACOM-1010. All QSLs will be sent via the Bureau automatically. However, if you would like to get the QSL direct send to RX9KM. Online log will be available at: www.clublog.org/logsearch/RT9K/P [dx-world.net]

02/04/2012: Haru, JA1XGI, will be active as A35XG from Tongatapu (OC-049, WW Loc. WW Loc. AG28HW), Kingdom of Tonga from 2-9 April, 2012. QRV on 30-10 metres (especially 30/17/12m) using mainly CW, with some SSB and the Digital modes. He is expected to use a 2 element beam on the HF bands. QSL via JA1XGI, direct or by the Bureau. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW. Further information and online log search at: www.geocities.jp/a35xgtonga/ [425 DX News]

02/04/2012: Jan-Willem, PA7JWC and Monique, PD7DB will be QRV holiday style as PJ2/homecalls from the Piscadera Bay Resort, island of Curacao (SA-099, WLOTA 0942, WW Loc. FK52MC), from 2-9 April, 2012. They will be active on 80-10m SSB/CW RTTY/PSK. QSL cards are prefered via LoTW or Direct. To recieve a QSL please enclose (SAE+2$) for the return postage. Please do not send any IRCs, they are not valid anymore in the Netherlands. QSL card via the Bureau are answerd 100%. But this will take some time. Website: www.pa7jwc.nl/ [NG3K]

03/04/2012: Look for Richard, F8FGU, to be active from High Atlas (Khenifra), Morocco (WW Loc. IM72ER), as CN2RN between 3-30 April, 2012. QRV on the HF

bands, CW and SSB. QSL via his home call, Bureau or direct. [F5NQL]

04/04/2012: Mauri, AG1LE, plans to be activate as KP2/AG1LE from the Radio Reef contest station, Christiansted, island of St. Croix, US Virgin islands (NA-106, USi VI002S, WLOTA 2477), between 4-11 April, 2012. Keep an eye on the KP2/AG1LE blog for more info at: ag1le.blogspot.com/ [dx-world.net]

05/04/2012: Anderson, PY2TNT and Alex, PY2WAS will be active from Georgetown, Guyana, as 8R1PY on 5-8 April, 2012. QRV on 80-10 metre CW and SSB. QSL via PY2WAS, Bureau or direct. [NG3K]

05/04/2012: Joe, K5KUA, will once again be active as K5KUA/5 from Galveston Island (NA-143, USi TX001S, Galveston County), Texas, from 5-8 April, 2012. QRV on 80-10 metres, mainly SSB, with some CW if time permits. QSL via home call, direct, by the Bureau and LoTW. [rsgbiota.org]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

09/04/2012: Giorgio, IZ4AKS and wife Silvia, K1XYL will be active from the island of Rhodes (EU-001, GIOTA DKS-006, MIA MGD-028, WLOTA 0045), Dodecanese, between April 9-16, 2012. Primarily a business trip, they will be active as SV5/IZ4AKS when time permits. QSL via home call, direct or Bureau. [dx-world.net]

15/04/2012: Francois, ON4LO, will be active as 5P4LO from Romo island (EU-125, DIA NS-001) between 15-20 April, 2012. He plans to operate on 80-10 metre SSB, RTTY AND PSK. QSL via ON4LO, Bureau or direct. [rsgbiota.org]

19/04/2012: A team from the Caracas DX Group will be active as YX5P from the rare Patos Island (SA-048, DIV-068, WLOTA 0499, WW Loc. FK90BP) between 19-22 April, 2012. This is only the second expedition to take place from Patos, due to its remoteness and difficult access. The first DXpedition was made by the CDXG 21 years ago, making it the most requested and sought after IOTA in Venezuela. The team will operate on all HF bands and modes. QSL via DM4TI. Website: www.qrz.com/db/YX5P [dx-world.net]

21/04/2012: TCSWAT (TC Special Wireless Activity team) will once again activate the special callsign TC57A between 21-26 April, 2012. Activity is to commemorate the 57th Regiment Martyrs who lost their lives in the Canakkale War. TC57A will be QRV on all HF bands, using SSB, CW and PSK. QSL via TA1HZ, direct or Bureau. Website: www.tcswat.org/ [TCSWAT]

28/04/2012: The Camb-Hams will once again activate the Isle of Mull (EU-008, IOSA NH15, SCOTIA CN10, WLOTA 2485, WW Loc. IO66VH), Inner Hebrides, as GS3PYE/p between 28 April and 5 May, 2012. Operators include Pete 2E0SQL, Geoff G0DDX, Bob G1SAA, Terry G3VFC, Martin G3ZAY, John G4BAO, Colin G4ERO, Neil G4HUN, Steve G8CRB, Dominic M0BLF, Phil M0DEG, Lawrence M0LCM, Mark M0MJH, Rob M0VFC, Steve M1ACB and Gavin M1BXF. They will be QRV on all HF bands from 160m to 10m covered with five stations on air simultaneously, all capable of running the legal power limit from five linear amplifiers. VHF: 6m, 4m and 2m with a great take-off to the UK and Europe, again all at legal limit. They will also be active on 10GHz (3cm) for a first-time activation of IO66 square. There will also be a 24 hour activation of Lunga, Treshnish Isles (EU-108, IOSA NH17, SCOTIA DI09) by operators Martin G3ZAY, Neil G4HUN, Dominic M0BLF, Mark M0MJH and Steve M1ACB, using the callsign GS6PYE/p, on 29-30 April, 2012. QSL by the Bureau to G3PYE, or direct via M0VFC. [rsgbiota.org]

29/04/2012: Robert ON4LRG, Janny ON5PO, Paul ON6DP, Didier ON6YH, Pierre ON7PC and Jean ON7ZM will be active on the 29th of April 2012 from Castle of Hoyoux

(WCA ON-00497, BCA LG-096). They plan to work from 0600 till 1000 UTC on all bands as OP0P/P or homecalls/p. QSL for OP0P is via ON6DP, bureau, direct, LOTW or e-QSL. QSL others via their home callsigns. [RN1CW]

11/05/2012: Fred, PA1FJ, will be active from the island of Samos (EU-049, GIOTA SAS-006, MIA MG-099, WLOTA 4163, Grid Loc. KM37) as SV8/PA1FJ/p between 11-15 May, 2012. QRV 40-10 metre SSB only. Will also try 6 metre SSB for E openings. QSL via home call by the Dutch QSL Bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

12/05/2012: Look for Hans PA0VHA, Jack PA3BAG, Steef PA2A and Wim PA2AM to be active from the isle of Guernsey (EU-114, WLOTA 0013, Grid Loc. IN89) as MU/homecalls between 12-19 May, 2012. Plans are to be QRV on 80-6m CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. They will also focus on the WARC bands. QSL via their home callsigns. Website: www.pi4cc.nl/ [rsgbiota.org]

15/05/2012: Guenter, DL3NBI, will once again be active from the island of Giglio (EU-028, IIA GR-002, MIA MI-036, WLOTA 0564) between 15-23 May, 2012. QRV holiday style on the HF bands. QSL via home call, direct or by the Bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

18/05/2012: A non-stop castle activity for the Belgium Castle Award is planned on Friday 18 May 1400 UTC till Sunday 20 May 1400 UTC. Members of UBA section ODE will activate Castle De Ghellinck (BCA ref. OV-032, WCA ref. ON-00364, WW Loc. JO10ST), commune of Elsegem, Oost Vlaanderen Province, on all HF bands SSB & CW and on 2m FM & ATV via local repeaters, using the call OT7G/p. QSL manager ON5MA, via Bureau preferred. [UBA HF News]

20/05/2012: Look for Sebastian, DL1AXX, to be active as homecall/p from the island of Baltrum (EU-047, GIA N-006) between 20-25 May, 2012. QRV on the HF bands, using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, Bureau preferred. [rsgbiota.org]

25/05/2012: Sho, JA7HMZ and Akio, JA7ZP will be active as V63DX and V63ZP, respectively, from the island of Pohnpei (OC-010, Grid Loc. QJ96), eastern Caroline Islands, F.S.M., between 25-29 May, 2012. QRV on 40-6 metres, all modes. Sho will participate in the CQWW WPX CW Contest (26-27 May) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry, using the callsign V6A. QSL V63DX and V6A via JA7HMZ, direct only. QSL V63ZP via JA7ZP, direct only. [dx-world.net]

27/05/2012: Chris, VK3FY, will be on Lord Howe Island (OC-004) on a work assignment from 27 May to 2 June, 2012. He will only be able to operate during the week and most likely evenings, using the callsign VK9LHI, as work will take precidence. Modes most likely to be CW, SSB and some RTTY on the HF bands. QSL via VK3HF. [dx-world.net]

31/05/2012: Eddie, ES2TT, will be active from the 31st of May till 4th of June 2012 from the Castle Krimulda (WCA YL-00039), located in Park Gauja (YLFF-001). He plans to work on the 31st of May 2012 as YL/ES2TT and from 1st of June 2012 as YL2012USCARS (American Cars Fan Meeting - Saulkrasti 2012), on all bands CW, SSB possible BPSK. QSL via ES2TT, direct or Bureau. Log will be uploaded to WCA E-Log. [RN1CW]

01/06/2012: Eddie, ES2TT, will be active with the special event callsign YL2012USCARS, for the American Cars Fan Meeting (Saulkrasti 2012), between 1-4 June, 2012. QRV on 40-6 metre SSB, CW and PSK, from his home QTH in Keila, Estonia (WW Loc. KO29EH). QSL via ES2TT, direct or via the Bureau. Information on Eddie's American Auto Club can be found at: www.uscars.lv/ [QRZ.com]

10/06/2012: Robert ON4LRG, Janny ON5PO, Paul ON6DP, Didier ON6YH, Pierre ON7PC and Jean ON7ZM will be active on the 10th of June 2012 from the Castle Saint

Fontaine (WCA ON-00496, BCA LG-095). They plan to work from 0600 till 1000 UTC on all bands as OP0P/P or homecalls/p. QSL for OP0P is via ON6DP, Bureau, direct, LOTW or e-QSL. QSL others via their home callsigns. [RN1CW]

22/06/2012: The Telford and District Amateur Society (G3ZME, FISTS #15554) will be visiting the Island of Guernsey (EU-114, WLOTA 0013, WAB WV27, WW Loc. IN89QK) between 22-27 June, 2012. Operators include David 2W0ZJA, Martyn G3UKV, Dave G8VZT, Jim G8UGL, Paul M0PNN, Peter 2E0ZSU, Richard M1RKH and Mike G4NKC. They will be operating on HF 160-10m, VHF 50MHz 70MHz 144MHz, UHF 1.3GHz and SHF 2.3GHz 3.4GHz 5.7GHz 10GHz 24GHz. You may follow the DX Expedition on twitter - 2W0ZJA will be tweating updates, frequencies, etc., http://twitter.com/#!/@2W0ZJA . VHF talk back and ON4KST chat will also be used. Locator Square of the camping site is IN89QK but members of the group may well move around the island looking for the best paths to UK EU etc. The team will also take part in the following contests over the weekends of 23-24th June 1.3GHz and 50MHz (CW) contests, UKug contests 24th June 5.7GHz, Cumulative 24th June 10GHz, Cumulative 24th June 24GHz, Cumulative 26th June SHF and the UKAC 2.3Ghz-24Ghz. They will be QRV at the peak to the es season so 50mhz will be a priority. QSL via G3ZME (Bureau) or via M0PNN (Direct). Further information can be found at: www.qrz.com/db/GP3ZME [rsgbiota.org]

01/07/2012: Look for Eddie, ES2TT, to be active with the special event callsign ES2012ABCS for the American Beauty Car Show from 1-8 July, 2012. He will be QRV on 40-6 metre SSB, CW and PSK from his home QTH in Keila (WW Loc. KO29EH) and from the show place in Haapsalu, Estonia. QSL via ES2TT, direct or via the Bureau. [QRZ.com]

06/07/2012: Eddie, ES2TT and Andrew, RN1CW will be active from the 6th of July till 8th of July 2012 from the Castle Haapsalu (WCA ES-00003). QRV as ES2012ABCS (American Beauty Car Show 1-8 July 2012) and ES3/RN1CW on all HF bands, using CW, SSB and BPSK. QSL for ES2012ABCS via ES2TT, direct or Bureau. QSL ES3/RN1CW via home call, Bureau or direct. Logs will be uploaded to WCA E-Log. [RN1CW]

23/07/2012: Henry, W5HNS expects to operate from Belize as V31WH between 23-31 July, 2012. QRV on all HF bands and modes. Look for him as V31MX from Cay Caulker (NA-073) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (28-29 July). QSL direct to home call. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [dx-world.net]

24/07/2012: A large group of Hungarian and Turkish amateurs will be active from Giresun Island (AS-154) between 24 July and 1 August, 2012. Operators will be Pisti HA5OJ, Ed HA5BWW, Laci HA5MA, Karl HA7PC, Feco HA8KW, Bekir TA2RX, Ali TA7EB and Ali TA7EM. The following callsigns will be used on all HF bands and modes: TA0/HA8KW, TA0/HA5BWW, TA0/HA5MA, TA0/HA7PC, TB2ZHI/0 (QSL via HA5OJ), TA2RX/0, TA7EB/0 and TA7EM/0. QSL via their home callsigns, direct or Bureau. On 28-30 July, the team will use the callsign TC0HA and will also participate in the RSGB IOTA ntest (28-29 July). QSL TC0HA via HA5KHC, direct or Bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

28/07/2012: Operators Graham MM0GHM, Gordon MM0GOR, Allan 2M0VNW, Peter GM7AAJ and Jason GM7VSB will once again activate the island of Gigha (EU-008, IOSA NH24, SCOTIA CS23) for the RSSGB IOTA Contest (28-29 July). QRV on all HF bands. QSL GM7A direct or via the RSGB QSL Bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

28/07/2012: Look for Jim, WD5IYT (CWops #878, NAQCC #3974, FISTS #14678), to be active for the RSGB IOTA Contest (28-29 July) from Mustang Island (NA-092, USi TX011S, Nueces County), State of Texas. Plans are for a Single-Op/Low-Power/CW only/Island entry. QSL via LoTW, direct (QRZ.com) or Bureau. [NG3K]

06/10/2012: The members of Portuguese Navy Hamradio Club, CS5NRA, will be active on the 6th of October 2012 from the Fortress S. Bruno (WCA CT-00205, DCFP F-029, DMHP LX-35), Oeiras, Portugal. They plan to work on all bands, with team leader CT1CZT, Antonio Gamito. QSL direct to CS5NRA (QRZ.com) [RN1CW]

06/11/2012: The Intrepid-DX Group is pleased to announce their next DXpedition, as 6O3A from Hargeisa, Somaliland (Somalia) to take place from 6-14 November, 2012. Their primary objective is to activate Somaliland with a goal of providing as many DXers as possible a "new one" with this rare DXCC entity and, as a secondary objective, to give as many band-slots as possible. They will have 5 stations active at the same time in different bands and modes, 160-10 metres. Focus will be on North America, KH6, ZL/VK during those periods when propagation is possible to those areas. The team consists of: Paul N6PSE (Co-Leader), David K3LP (Co-Leader), Dave AH6HY, Jun JH4RHF, Dmitri RA9USU, Darko E70A, Krassy K1LZ, Hrane YT1AD, Bill N2WB, John K6MM, Al K3VN and Bob N6OX. Pilot stations will be: Charles, AA6G (West Coast Pilot) and Col, MM0NDX (EU, AF, OC & SA). QSL Manager is Joe, W3HNK. They will have OQRS, and will accept direct and Bureau QSL cards. Logs will be uploaded to ClubLog on a daily basis. Further information and updates at: www.intrepid-dx.com/6o3a/ [dx-world.net]

17/11/2012: The Hellenic Amateur Radio of Association of Australia (HARAOA) is organising a DXpedition to Campbell Island (OC-037), New Zealand, between 17-30 November, 2012. ZL9 Campbell Island NZ is number 15 on the current DXCC most wanted list. The ZL9HR DXpedition team will consist of a total of nine (9) team members including Tommy, VK2IR (Team Leader) and John, VK3YP (Team Co-Leader). They are inviting any experienced operators who would like to attend the ZL9HR DXpedition to email Tommy vk2ir[@]vk2ir.com for more information. Further information and updates will be posted on their website at: www.zl9hr.com/ [dx-world.net]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

The ISWL Club Callsigns in use during April 2012 will be:
GX4BJC /A - Operated from Great Sutton, in Cheshire, by Geof - M0BAU. (/A WAB Square = SJ37 - England, IOTA = EU-005 & WLOTA = LH-1841).
MC1SWL /A - Operated from Guilsfield, in Powys, by Martin - GW4GNY. (/A WAB Square = SY21 - Wales, IOTA = EU-005 & WLOTA = LH-0453).
The I.S.W.L. is a member of the European PSK Club.
All QSL Info is on www.iswl.org.uk/ or www.qrz.com/ or via www.eQSL.cc/ NO LOTW.
I.S.W.L. Awards are available to all Hams and SWL's - see www.iswl.org.uk/ for full details. eQSL.cc cards ARE welcomed for our awards.
Very best wishes to all at your QTH, Pete Rayer, ISWL Life Vice President, Bournemouth, UK. [Pete at the DX-News-Desk]

30/03/2012: Special event station 6D0LM will be active throughout the year 2012 to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Federacion Mexicana de Radioexperimentadores, A.C. (FMRE, A.C.). This special call will be used in the different events organized by their state associations and radioclubes members. QSL via QRZ.com. Website: http://www.fmre.org.mx/ [QRZ.com]

01/04/2012: Commemorating the Titanic Centenary, the Vlaamse RadioAmateurs will operate three special stations - OO100MGY by ON3RAD section RACD in Deurne (Antwerp); OR100MGY by ON6KNH section KUST in Knokke-Heistand (QSL ON3AIM via Bureau); and OT100MGY by ON4PRA section PRAC in Londerzeel - on 1-30 April 2012. During the weekend of Saturday April 14 until Sunday April 15, all three stations will be active during a marathon transmission, from Saturday 14:00 local time until Sunday 18:00 local time (UTC from 12:00 Saturday until 16:00

Sunday). Each of these stations has a special and unique QSL-card available. So, 3 (three) different qsl-cards can be acquired, one for each participating station. QSL direct (F.R.A., PO Box 1630, B-1000 Brussels 1, Belgium) or via EuroBureauQSL, the qsl-bureau of EURAO. Look at the website (EuroBureauQSL.org/) for the entry point of your country. Further information can be found at: www.vra.be/VRAtitanic.html [425 DX News]

01/04/2012: Dick, PA2GRU will be active from Heemstede, The Netherlands, as PH100MGY to commemorate the Titanic's 100th anniversary on 1-28 April, 2012. QSL via PA3CAL, direct or Bureau. [425 DX News]

01/04/2012: Look out for GI100MGY, From Titanics Home City of Belfast, Northern Ireland (EU-115, WLOTA 1439), during the Month of April - MGY was the Callsign of the Ill-fated ship, which had been launched in Belfast in May 1911. The GI100 is a very special prefix, kindly allocated to the "Project WhiteStar" special event team by Ofcom, the UK regulator. We plan to be active all modes, 80m - 10m, with a 2 minute station silence at 01:47am on 15th April, the exact time when the vessel sank, in memory of all those who lost their lives that night. On the evening of 14th/15th, most operation will be on CW. QSL will be via Bureau, or direct to GI4FUE, details will be in QRZ eventually. [Pete at the DX-News-Desk]

05/04/2012: The World Horticultural Expo - "Floriade 2012" - will take place in the city of Venlo, The Netherlands, from 5 April to 7 October, 2012. To celebrate this event a goup of operators will be active on all bands and modes using the special callsign PH4RTM/WHE between 5-13 April, 2012. QSL via PH4RTM, Bureau or direct. Information about The World Horticultural Expo can be found at: www.floriade.com/ [PH4RTM]

06/04/2012: Commemorating the Titanic's 100th anniversary, special callsign GB100MGY will be active from Fort Perch Rock Marine Radio Museum in New Brighton, England (EU-005, WLOTA 1841) on 6-26 April, 2012. QRV on all HF bands and modes. They also have special permission to use the GB100MGY callsign on the 501 kHz to 504 kHz band from the 12th April until 18th April and will be transmitting on 502 kHz CW and for those people without a 500 kHz band licence a crossband QSO on 3566 kHz or 7066 kHz as propagation conditions permits. QSL via M0BZZ, direct or Bureau. Further information at: www.gb100mgy-fortperchrock.co.uk/ [425 DX News]

U.S.A. Special Events can be found at: www.arrl.org/special-event-stations

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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

30/03-01/04 CW5GI: Isla Gorriti WLOTA:2172 QSL ON5NT (d/b)
31/03-06/04 GM6TW/P: Jura Island WLOTA:3078 QSL M0UTD (d/b)
31/03-06/04 GM6TW/P: Islay WLOTA:1826 QSL M0UTD (d/b)
31/03-06/04 GM6TW/P: Colonsay Island WLOTA:1574 QSL M0UTD (d/b)
01/04-30/04 GI100MGY: Northern Ireland WLOTA:1439 QSLl GI4FUE (d/b)
01/04-30/04 GX4BJC /A: England (main island) WLOTA:1841 QSL QRZ.com
01/04-30/04 MC1SWL /A: Wales (main island) WLOTA:0453 QSL QRZ.com
01/04-15/04 NH7DX: Hawaii Island WLOTA:0065 QSL KL7JR (d)
02/04-09/04 PJ2/PA7JWC: Curacao Island WLOTA:0942 QSL HC (d/b)
02/04-09/04 PJ2/PD7DB: Curacao Island WLOTA:0942 QSL HC (d/b)
04/04-11/04 KP2/AG1LE: St. Croix Island WLOTA:2477 QSL AG1LE (d/b)

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6 METRES & UP -

- DXCC: W; square EN91; start 2012-05-12 -
N8OFS/p QRV 2012-05-12 2300Z till 2012-05-13 0300Z from EN91or
The Rules for the 2012 Spring VHF/UHF Sprints are online...
http://sites.google.com/site/springvhfupsprints/2012-announcement-rules
"I will once again be Broadcasting Live and Direct from the Big Caboose at
the beloved AC&J Railroad for the 6M Sprint... This will be my First of
Six trips to the Caboose for 2012... 50W from the Kenwood TS-60 to the
"DOMINATOR"(tm) at 28.5ft, parked and locked on 52.525FM from EN91or..."
PeAcE...
Andy N8OFS GOT6??? GOT RAVE??? GOT FOOTY??? SMIRK#6737
The CrAzY 6 Meters FM only, sometimes found in a Caboose guy...

- DXCC: VP2V; square FK78; start 2012-06-21 -
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS DXPEDITION: VP2V on 6 METERS Only (50.115.6 Mhz. CW &
50.115 Mhz. SSB)
W9DR, Dave, will be operating from the British Virgin Islands on 6 meters
from June 21, 2012 to July 2, 2012.
The call will be VP2V/W9DR and he will be on 50.115.6 Mhz CW and 50.115 Mhz
SSB.
Please submit conformation request (QSL) to W9DR's home address. [MMMonVHF]

31/03-01/04 European EME Contest CW/SSB/144MHz/10GHz&Up 03 0000z-04 2400z
01/04 RSGB First 70MHz Contest SO Fixed/Open 0900z-1200z
03/04 LY 144MHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 03 1700z-2059z
03/04 NRAU 144MHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 03 1700z-2100z
03/04 RSGB 144MHz UKAC SO/Fixed/Open 2000z-2230z
04/04 Moon Contest 144MHz CW/Digital/FM/SSB 1800z-2000z

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_mar.html

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at:
http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated 27 March, 2012)

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make
More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/
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QSL INFORMATION -

PIRACY
On March 24 & 25 2012 a station appeared on the band signing TO4E, and
sending as QTH Europa Island, AF 009.
Would you note that since the genuine TO4E dxpedition to Europa in 2003 no ,
but no activity has been authorized from this island, and of course there's no
activity in this moment.
The block of prefix used in 2003 is no longer in use. ; For Europa since
four years the block of prefix is FT5Exx and no licence has been issued to
anyone.
The access to Europa is forbidden except under special authorisation.
As a reminder, Europa and the other islands of the Iles ?parses are now
under the authority of the French Austral and Antarctic Territories authority,
which has in charge the following: Terre Ad?lie: FT5Y, Crozet: FT5W, Amsterdam:
FT5Z, Kerguelen: F5TX, Glorieuses: FT5G, Tromelin: FT5T, Europa: FT5E and Juan
de Nova: FT5J.
The FR5/G, /T, /E, /J blocks of prefixes no longer exist;
Didier, F5OGL, QSL manager of the TO5E 2003, EUROPA will not answer the
cards for this so so activity in 2012.

Thanks to Didier, F5OGL for the information.
[Forwarded with 73, by Maurice, F5NQL]

QSLs via Bureau: 3D2DX, 5H3EE, 5T5BV, 6V7Z, 6W4/IZ1KHH, 8P9NX, 9Q5?ON, 9M8PV, 9Y4W, BA4EG, C57R, CE2/DK7ZB, CN2DJ, CKCUI, CT1BYK, DA?I, DB3KE, DL1JK, DL8AWK, DO8SAB, DU7/DK9SC, EA1AUS, EA1BPA, EA6/DL2DXA, EA8EU, EB3JT, ER6A, ES?IC, ES3CC, FM/F6ARC, HB9CNY, HS?ZCY, I1YRL, IK2SND, IT9CWA, IW1GJH, IZ3LEF, JA?HNN, JA2ACI, JA2GSD, JA6ATL, JA8BNP, JE2TLZ, JF1PTX, JH3RKB, JH3TXF, JI3OGI, LY6M, OE1?M, OM3BC, ON5PO, PA3GON/LX, PA3GWH, PJ2/N2MF, PJ2/W5FKX, PJ2/W5ZPA, P4?W, RK3DXW, SP1DMD, SP1MWK, SP3CUG, SP7FFY, SQ1EIX, T7?A, TB?DX, UA6JGG, UR2MO, UR5IFP, UR5MED, UT5EAM, UU7JN, V31WA, VK9ML, YJ?MM, YN2AA, ZD9AH, ZK2TTT, ZL4AS and ZP6CW.

QSLs via Direct: 3D2R (YT1AD), 4W0VB (UA4WHX), 5W1SA (JA1DXA), 8Q7DV (R9DX), 9J3A (S57S), 9M6JC (NI5DX), 9N7DX (4Z4DX), 9N7MD (IK2VUC), A31IO (DK7AO), A41OO (NI5DX), A52DL (LA9DL), CN2R (W7EJ), E51NOU (N7OU), ET3JA (OK1XV), FK8CP (QRZ.com), FO/N6JA (H/c), FR5FD (QRZ.com), HC1HC (NE8Z), HV5?VR (I?JBL), JY4NE (K3IRV), K6VVA/KL7 (N6AWD), KH2/N2NL (W2YC), PJ5/SP6EQZ (H/c), PJ5/SP6IXF (H/c), SU9VB (UA4WHX), T6TL (N4FF), T88XC (JA?FKK), T8CC (UA4CC), TL?CW (DK7PE), TN2T (M?URX), UA3KW (QRZ.com), V63DX (JA7HMZ), V85TX (W3HNK), VP2MTL (N?STL), VP5/W5CW (H/c), VP6T (G3TXF), Z21BB (W3HNK), Z21BC (NI5DX), ZD7XF (G3TXF), ZD8F (W6HGJ), ZK2V (N3SL) and ZV5AJT (JH1AJT).

QSLs via LoTW: 3B8MM, 3XY1D, 7P8PB, CR6K, CU6AY, CX4ACH, EF8R, EI8?IRTS, HB9CVQ, HH2/HB9AMO, J38A, JR7WFC, JT5DX, KH2L, LA5VSA, LY3M, M6T, PR5B, PS?S, PT7ZC, RA6MQ, RU3GF, RZ6BS, ST2AR, SV4FFK, T96C, TG7/NC2N, TK4LS, V44KAI, VP2EC, VP5/WA?MHJ, YU1FW, ZD7XF, ZF2AG/ZF8 and ZL7/VO1AU.
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LINKS -
IOTA (Islands On The Air) at: www.rsgbiota.org/
WCA (World Castles on the Air) at: www.wca.qrz.ru/ENG/main.html
WFF (World Flora & Fauna) at: www.wff44.org/program/wff/
WLOTA (World Lighthouses On The Air at: www.wlota.com/
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BITS & PIECES -

Luxembourg Issues Stamp to Celebrate 75 Years of Amateur Radio -
Founded in 1937, the R?seau Luxembourgeois des Amateurs d'Ondes Courtes (RL) -- that country's IARU Member-Society -- is celebrating its 75th anniversary. In honor of this milestone, Luxembourg's Entreprise des Postes et T?l?communications (P&TLuxembourg) has issued a .60 Euro postage stamp (about 80 cents in US dollars); P&TLuxembourg is that country's government owned corporation for mail and telecommunications. This is one of three commemorative stamps issued by Luxembourg in 2012. [ARRL]

NTIA: No Objection to Additional Data Modes on 60 Meters:
In response to requests for clarification from the ARRL, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) has confirmed that it has no objection to the use of a broader range of data emissions by amateurs on the five 5 MHz frequencies on 60 meters. ARRL's original understanding was that the NTIA preferred that the use of 2K80J2D emission be limited to Pactor III. The NTIA now says that that is not the case.
In an e-mail response to ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ, Karl Nebbia, Associate Administrator of the NTIA Office of Spectrum Management, stated, "NTIA has no interest in limiting the types of emission used by the amateurs as long as the data emission does not exceed the 2.8 kHz bandwidth generated by the upper sideband transmitter." Nebbia referred all further

inquiries to the FCC, which "...sets the conditions for use of the five 5 MHz frequencies by the amateurs."
The requirement of only one signal per channel remains, as well as the prohibition against automatic operation. The FCC continues to require that all digital transmissions be centered on the channel-center frequencies, which the Report and Order defines as being 1.5 kHz above the suppressed carrier frequency of a transceiver operated in the Upper Sideband (USB) mode. This is typically the frequency shown on the frequency display.
Channel USB Suppressed Carrier (kHz) Center (kHz)
1 5330.5 5332.0
2 5346.5 5348.0
3 5357.0 5358.5
4 5371.5 5373.0
5 5403.5 5405.0
The ARRL advises amateurs to operate with care when using digital modes in consideration of the fact that hams are secondary users on these frequencies.
See the revised 60-Meter FAQ page on the ARRL Web at,
http://www.arrl.org/60-meter-faq.
The revised ARRL 60-Meter Recommended Practices document can also be found in PDF form on the web at,
http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Regulatory/Recommended_Practices_Version_6_5.pdf.
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
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